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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (SY CAPTION DELETED)

FROM RSO BECKETT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: COUNTER TERRORIST EQUIPMENT R.F. FOR AMBASSADOR'S
PROTECTIVE DETAIL

1. SINCE MAY OF 1974 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVE. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT A REDUCTION IN THE THREAT WILL OCCUR WITHIN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. BASICALLY, THE PROTECTIVE DETAIL FOR THE AMBASSADOR CONSISTS OF AN ADVANCE OR LEAD CAR (DEPENDING ON THE DESTINATION AND THE FUNCTION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE), THE PRINCIPAL'S CAR AND A FOLLOW CAR. FOR ROUTINE TRIPS TO AND FROM THE EMBASSY THE BODYGUARD DETAIL CONSISTS OF FIVE FEDERAL POLICEMEN EXCEPT IN THE MORNING WHEN THIS TEAM IS AUGMENTED BY AN RSO. AT STATE OCCASIONS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS REQUIRING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE THE PROTECTIVE DETAIL IS NORMALLY INCREASED TO EIGHT. THE AUGMENTATION OF THE PROTECTIVE UNIT IS BY RSO'S.

2. THIS PROTECTIVE OPERATION TO DATE HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING BY THE EMPLOYMENT OF THREE GE PR 36 TRANSCEIVERS. THESE UNITS ARE NOT SATISFACTORY FOR THE WORK BEING PERFORMED. FIRST OF ALL THREE UNITS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS. SECONDLY, THE UNITS ARE NOT EQUIPPED WITH EXTENTION EARPLUGS AND CONCEALABLE MICROPHONES. COMMUNICATIONS OVER THIS EQUIPMENT ARE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE STANDING NEAR THE

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PROTECTIVE DETAIL MEMBERS CARRYING THE PR 36. THIRDLY, THE

USER OF THE PR 36 LOSES THE USE OF ONE OF HIS HANDS WHILE OPERATING OR CARRYING THE EQUIPMENT.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT WE BE SUPPLIED 12 (TWELVE) COMPLETE TRANSCIEVERS TO INCLUDE EARPIECE AND SLEEVE MICROPHONE OF THE TYPE PRESENTLY BEING USED BY SY. IN ADDITION, IT IS REQUESTED THAT COMPATIBLE BASE STATION (24 WATTS) BE SUPPLIED.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS EQUIPMENT BE ON CURRENT SY FREQUENCIES SO THAT IT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF FUTURE AMERICAN VIP VISITS. THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE FURNISHED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE RSO OFFICE IN B.A. AND WILL BE RELEASED ONLY AFTER THE TERRORIST THREAT HAS DISSOLVED. APPROPRIATE BATTERY CHARGERS AND EXTRA RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES SHOULD ALSO BE FURNISHED. THIS EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED URGENTLY AND IS DESIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE FURNISH US WITH THE SHIPPING DATES, REGISTRY, AND POUCH NUMBERS UNDER WHICH THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE SHIPPED.

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